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E.O. 11652; M/A

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SUBJ: SHOWA MARU OIL SPILL IN SINGAPORE STRAITS

REF: STATE 7463

1. FOLLOWING LETTER ADDRESSED TO EC/COUNS MICHAEL CALING-
AERT FROM KEISUKE INUI, DIRECTOR, GENERAL AFFAIRS DIV,
SHPPING BUREAU, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WAS RECEIVED JAN.

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BEGIN TZXT;

REGARDING OUR DISCUSSIONS ON THE USE OF THE HIGH CAPACITY
HYDRAULIC SUBMERGIBLE PUMPS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE US
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COAST GUARD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING OUT CRUDE OIL

FROM THE WRECKED TANKER SHOWA MARU, I FULLY APPRECIATE YOUR KIND COOPERATION AND QUICK RESPONSE FOR THE OFFER OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED EQUIPMENT, AND WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU, UNDER THE INSTRUCTION OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE SHIPPING BUREAU, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL ENSURE THAT PAYMENT IS MADE FOR THE COSTS INVOLVED IN THE DISPATCH AND USE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED EQUIPMENT AND THE PERSONNEL.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADD, FURTHERMORE, THAT TAIHEIYO-KAIUN CO. LTD., THE OWNER OF THE SHOWA MARU. WILL PAY FOR ALL THE RELEVANT COSTS INVOLVED IN THE DISPATCH AND USE OF THE EQUIPMENT AND THE PERSONNEL, AND THAT THE CHECK ISSUED BY TAIHEIYO KAIUN CO. LTD., WILL BE SENT IMMEDIATELY THROUGH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO THE APPROPRIATE ORGAN OF YOUR GOVERNMENT UPON THE REQUEST BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY OF YOUR GOVERNMENT. END TEXT.

2. APPEARS TO EMBASSY THAT LETTER MEETS REQUIREMENTS SEC 607(A) OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. IN LIGHT URGENT NEED FOR ADDITIONAL PUMPS TO OFFLOAD SHOWA MARU (SINGAPORE 157) EMBASSY HOPES USCG EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL CAN BE DISPATCHED ASAP. IF LETTER DOES NOT SATISFY SEC 607(A) REQUIREMENT PLEASE ADVISE BY NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLE. GOJ MINISTRIES WILL BE CLOSED FOR JAPANESE HOLIDAY JANUARY 15. HODGSOM

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